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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
NC	Des.	283,733	05/86	Rawson et al.			
	Des.	273,513	04/84	Spreckelmeier			
		2,174,219	03/39	Balma			
		3,079,606	03/63	Bobrov et al.			
		3,080,564	03/63	Strekopytov et al.			
		3,252,643	05/66	Strekopytov et al.			
		3,269,630	08/66	Fleischer			
		3,317,105	05/67	Astafjev et al.			
		3,494,533	02/70	Green et al.			
		3,692,224	09/72	Astafjev et al.			
NC		3,795,034	03/74	Strekopytov et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
NC		WO 83/02247	07/83	EPO				
		2542188	09/84	France				
		2141066	12/84	Great Britain				
		0136950	04/85	EPO				
		0220029	04/87	EPO				
		0273468	07/88	EPO				
NC		0537571	04/93	EPO				

## OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		NC	Information Booklet for Auto Suture, Poly CS-57, Disposable Surgical Stapler, 1988, USSC
		NC	Proximate, RL Plus Reloadable Linear Stapler, instructions <i>no date</i>


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NC		3,822,818	07/74	Strekopytov et al.			
		4,047,654	09/77	Alvarado			
		4,216,891	08/80	Behlke			
		4,244,372	01/81	Kapitanov et al.			
		4,296,881	10/81	Lee			
		4,305,539	12/81	Korolkov et al.			
		4,354,628	10/82	Green			
		4,378,901	04/83	Akopov et al.			
		4,383,634	05/83	Green			
		4,402,445	09/83	Green			
		4,442,964	04/84	Becht			
		4,470,533	09/84	Schuler			
		4,475,679	10/84	Fleury, Jr.			
		4,506,670	03/85	Crossley			
		4,506,671	03/85	Green			
		4,508,253	04/85	Green			
		4,513,746	04/85	Aranyi et al.			
		4,520,817	06/85	Green			
		4,522,327	06/85	Korthoff et al.			
	NC		4,527,724	07/85	Chow et al.		
		4,530,453	07/85	Green			
		4,566,620	01/86	Green et al.			
		4,568,009	02/86	Green			
		4,573,622	03/86	Green et al.			
		4,580,712	04/86	Green			
		4,585,153	04/86	Failla et al.			
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NC		4,589,582	05/86	Bilotti			
		4,591,085	05/86	DiGiovanni			
		4,605,004	08/86	DiGiovanni et al.			
		4,606,344	08/86	DiGiovanni			
		4,606,345	08/86	Dorband et al.			
		4,607,636	08/86	Kula et al.			
		4,612,933	09/86	Brinkerhoff et al.			
		4,617,928	10/86	Alfrance			
		4,632,290	12/86	Green et al.			
		4,635,634	01/87	Santos			
		4,665,916	05/87	Green			
		4,684,051	08/87	Akopov et al.			
		4,714,187	12/87	Green			
		4,715,520	12/87	Roehr, Jr. et al.			
		4,728,020	03/88	Green et al.			
		4,741,336	05/88	Failla et al.			
		4,767,044	08/88	Green			
		4,788,978	12/88	Strekopytov et al.			
		4,802,614	02/89	Green et al.			
		4,805,823	02/89	Rothfuss			
		4,809,898	03/89	Gassner et al.			
		4,819,853	04/89	Green			
		4,848,637	07/89	Pruitt			
		4,869,414	09/89	Green et al.			
	4,881,544	11/89	Green et al.				
NC		4,881,545	11/89	Isaacs et al.			
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NC		4,915,100	04/90	Green			
		4,930,503	06/90	Pruitt			
		4,938,408	07/90	Bedi et al.			
		4,941,623	07/90	Pruitt			
		4,951,861	08/90	Schulze et al.			
		4,964,559	10/90	Deniega et al.			
		5,005,754	04/91	Van			
		5,018,657	05/91	Pedlick et al.			
		5,027,834	07/91	Pruitt			
		5,071,052	12/91	Rodak et al.			
		5,100,042	03/92	Gravener et al.			
		5,116,349	05/92	Aranyi			
		5,137,198	08/92	Nobis et al.			
		5,172,845	12/92	Tejeiro			
		5,190,203	03/93	Rodak			
		5,219,111	06/93	Bilotti et al.			
		5,222,963	06/93	Brinkerhoff et al.			
		5,240,163	08/93	Stein et al.			
		5,344,060	09/94	Gravener et al.			
		5,368,599	11/94	Hirsch et al.			
		5,395,034	03/95	Allen et al.			
		5,405,073	04/95	Porter			
		5,413,267	05/95	Solnyhtjes et al.			
		5,439,155	08/95	Viola			
	5,445,304	08/95	Plyley et al.				
	5,452,836	09/95	Huitema et al.				
	5,458,279	10/95	Plyley				
NC		5,462,215	10/95	Viola et al.			
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NC		5,464,144	11/95	Guy et al.			
		5,465,894	11/95	Clark et al.			
		5,470,006	11/95	Rodak			
		5,470,008	11/95	Rodak			
		5,470,009	11/95	Rodak			
		5,480,089	01/96	Blewett			
		5,503,320	04/96	Webster et al.			
		5,509,596	04/96	Green et al.			
		5,542,594	08/96	McKean et al.			
		5,547,117	08/96	Hamblin et al.			
		5,558,266	09/96	Green et al.			
		5,579,978	12/96	Green et al.			
		5,580,067	12/96	Hamblin et al.			
		5,603,443	02/97	Clark et al.			
		5,605,272	02/97	Witt et al.			
		5,605,273	01/97	Hamblin et al.			
		5,607,094	03/97	Clark et al.			
		5,615,820	04/97	Viola			
		5,641,111	06/97	Ahrens et al.			
	NC		5,673,842	10/97	Bittner et al.		
		5,678,748	10/97	Plyley et al.			
		5,697,543	12/97	Burdoff			
		5,706,445	01/98	Green et al.			
		5,706,998	01/98	Plyley et al.			
		5,732,871	03/98	Clark et al.			
		5,735,445	04/98	Vidal et al.			
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NC		5,785,232	07/98	Vidal et al.			
		5,794,834	08/98	Hamblin et al.			
		5,810,240	09/98	Robertson			
		5,855,311	01/99	Hamblin et al.			
		5,878,937	03/99	Green et al.			
		5,893,506	04/99	Powell			
		5,894,979	04/99	Powell			
		5,964,394	10/99	Robertson			
		6,045,560	04/00	McKean et al.			
	NC		5,706,997	1/98	Green et al.		
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